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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No: 19/33 Misc.

"C" Division.
West Hongkew Police Station.
3rd May 1933

Diary Number: 2

Nature of Offence:

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

At 5 p.m. 2-5-33 the assistant manager of the Shansee Theatre, named Kyi Koo Tseu (季国周) came to the Station with the two attached letters and reported that the same had been received by post on the 2-5-33.

The translation of the letters reads as follows:-

30th April 1933.

Dear Manager,

Shansee Theatre.

We do not know whether you have received a similar copy of this letter or not.

Now you are showing the film called "City Morning" produced by the United Photo Play Service in your theatre and the theatre is very crowded both upstairs and downstairs. Your business must be prosperous as no people are admitted into the theatre without tickets.

Our troops have been defeated in the Sino-Japanese war owing to our lack of aeroplanes.

You are one of the citizens of our country, so please deduct twenty per cent of your takings from the "City Morning" and forward same to the Aviation Association for the relief of the National Salvation Army in the North East, you should advertise in Shun Pao and Sin Wan Pao that you have acknowledged our request, otherwise we will treat you with our proper procedure. This is the 2nd letter.

Warning.

and chopped:- Staff of East
His and Residence of Traitors
Corp.

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19/33.

Division.
West Hongkew Police Station.
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

7 p.m. 30/4/33.

Dear Manager,
Shance Theatre.

We do not know whether you received 2 letters
sometimes ago, we are for patriotism and advise you to
deduct twenty per cent of your takings and forward same to
the Aviation Association for the relief of the National
Salvation Army in the North East. You should advertise in
Shun Pao and Sin Wan Pao. If you fail to obey our in-
structions, we will send our members to treat you with our
proper procedure.

If you like to be bombed, we will send you the
bomb at once. If you deduct the money for the relief of
the National Salvation Army in the North East, then you
are one of the citizens of the country. This is the 3rd
letter and is a final warning.

Ed:- Weo Hoo Kong, the chief of the Band
to Die and the Midsance of Traitors
Corp.

Chopped:- Dare to Die and Midsance of
Traitors Corp.

The undersigned questioned the Compt. and it was
ascertained that the Shance Theatre has already paid
\$200.00 to the United Photo Play Service Association
for the relief of the North Eastern Army.

The undersigned advised the Compt. to advise
in the leading Chinese newspapers to the effect that

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have already subscribed to the above association. The shops on the 3 letters are almost identical.

Herewith a copy of the translation of the advertisement inserted in all of the Chinese newspapers by the management of the Sams Theatre.

"We have contributed a small sum of \$100.00 to the Aviation Association".


Police protection is still being given to this theatre.



Sen. Det.

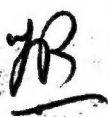

D. S.

D.D.O. "G"

Officer i/c.
Special Branch.


MAY 4 1933

SI, Passed to you

MAY 4 1933



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. D 44034
Date 1-5-33

CRIME REGISTER No: **19/33 Misc.**

"C" Division.
West Hongkew Police Station.
April 29th 1933

Diary Number: **1**

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

At 2pm 29-4-33 the assistant manager of the Shanso Theatre named Kyi Koo Tso (李國周) came to the station and reported that at 8am even date he had received the attached letter by post. The translation of the letter reads as follows.

Dear Manager,

28th April.

Shanso Theatre.

We write to inform you that at present you are showing the film called "City Morning", produced by the United Photoplay Service in your theatre.

Your business is very prosperous as the theatre is crowded at both the afternoon and evening performances.

Our troops have been defeated in the Sino-Japanese War owing to our lack of aeroplanes, so please deduct twenty per cent of your takings for the relief of the National Salvation Army in the North East, or forward the same to the Aviation Manufacturers Association for the purpose of buying aeroplanes.

Our party is for patriotism, therefore we inform you in advance, that if you fail to obey our instructions we will cause disturbances.

This affair is not finished yet, warning.

Obeyed. Reply to His and Address
of Writers Org.

At 2.15pm 29-4-33 a report was made of this incident.

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Eun Gail
1-5-33*

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by the management of the above theatre, to the effect that at about 8pm same date a cracker had been thrown into this theatre through an open window, which resulted in a male Chinese receiving slight burns on his clothing.

The ^{insp.} 1/0 and D.S.I. Gash were informed re the receipt of this letter, as a result of which Police protection has been accordingly given.

A similar letter was received by this theatre on the 28-1-33 which forms the subject of Misc File No 9/33 W.H.

[Signature]
Sen Det.

[Signature]
D. S.

D.D.O. "C".

Officer i/c Special Branch.

SI, For attention and pass
Wheg. Wfite please.

[Signature]

APR 30 1933

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 44-34

REPORT

S.1, Special Search Index 107.3

Date April 26, 19 33.

Subject (in full) Movement to close local cinema theatres by so-called
patriotic group.

Made by D. S. I. Golder

Forwarded by Thos Robertson Sub.

Coincident with the intensification locally of the campaign to collect funds for the north Eastern Volunteers which occurred early in January, 1933, a movement was set afoot to force local cinemas, catering to the Chinese, to close on certain dates in observance of the national crisis. To gain this end, letters containing threats of punishment for non-compliance and signed the "Spiritual National Defence Group" (精神衛國團) were delivered to most of the local theatres but only those listed below had the courage to report the matter to the police :-

1. Chekiang Theatre, 123 Chekiang Road.
2. Shanse Theatre, ⁴⁷⁰North Shanse Road.
3. Eastern Cinema, 45 Kwenming Road.
4. Willies Theatre, 313 Chapoo Road.
5. Greyhound Ball Room, Sun Sun Building, Nanking Road.
6. Great Eastern Hotel Ball Room, Kin Wo Ka, off Nanking Road.
7. Peking Theatre, Kweichow Road.
8. Palace Theatre, Pakhoi Road.

Enquiries were instituted but little was learned of the promoters beyond the fact that they were undoubtedly connected with the various quasi-secret societies collecting funds for the support of the North Eastern Volunteer Armies actively engaged in an attempt to dislodge the Manchukuo and Japanese forces from Manchuria.

The movement locally was conducted along the lines adopted by a similar group in Peking who by intimidation caused practically every cinema in the old

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Station,

Date 19

Subject (in full)

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capital to close.

By the end of February, 1933, the activities of the Spiritual National Defence Group had ceased, due largely to the action taken by the local Chinese Authorities who discovering that the bases of the various societies were situated in their territory, were eventually successful in eradicating them.

Em. J. G. L.

D. S. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

The foregoing summary has been completed for record purposes.

J.P.

File

APR 26 1933

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
To Shanghai, February 28, 1933
G. (Crime)

C. & S. B. REGISTRY

No. D 4434

Date Feb 2nd

I wish to direct
your attention to
the statements on
page 428 which
seem like intended
to encourage civil
disobedience.

Q.P.
U.S. Department of
Education



O. i/c Sp. No.

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I agree though there was
probably no intent to
encourage evil doing. The
article is liable to encourage
it, though I doubt if this
Child who carries on
illegal activities knows much
and to know of children of
this town, the well known
children's groups - of reports
of activities of large numbers
large children etc. etc. etc.
for the well known of
industrial group activities
known etc. etc. etc.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. REG-171
4434

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 2, 1933.

Subject (in full) Spiritual National Defence Society -
Threatening letters received by
places of entertainment.

Made 166/ and Forwarded by Superintendent Robertson.

With reference to memo submitted by Senior Detective, Louza, on January 26, the organizations to which he refers were those responsible for collection of contributions in the Settlement and whose suppression was recently effected by the Bureau of Public Safety through the offices of the Kuomintang. Nothing is known of the Spiritual National Defence Society but it is not unlikely that it is a group of self styled individuals following on the lines of the "Blood & Soul Society for the Extermination of Traitors" and taking their cue from the so-called self denial campaign in Peking where the activities of certain "patriotic" elements are directed towards discouraging theatre going and other forms of entertainment during the present national crisis.

J. H. Robertson
Superintendent.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

II D.B. (Crime)

Information and forward of return.

J. H. Roberts

O. i/c Sp. Br.

FEB. 2 1933

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SI.

Please send a copy to Senior Detective (House) 2/2/33

See also D. 3677 contributions for the 11th Anniversary

Should be sent to Mr. D. S. Smith of Mr. D. S. Smith



Special Branch

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. R. REGISTRY.

4434
Date 15 Jan 1933
25-1-33

"A" Division.

Louisa Police Station.

25th January, 1933.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

Diary Number:— 1

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

LETTER RECEIVED BY GREYHOUND BALL-ROOM MAKING DEMANDS.

At 6.45 p.m. 25-1-33, Mr. Woo, Manager of the Greyhound Ball-Room (Sun Sun Co.), brought a letter to the Station which he stated was received by post at 8.30 a.m. 25-1-33.

A translation of this letter which is given below corresponds with that published in the Intelligence Report of 24-1-33 (Political):—

Management of various local theatres and cinemas:
Though the North East has been lost for over a year, the Government is still in a dilemma. Fortunately, Generals Soe Ping-ven and Vung Chuen-hai put up a desperate resistance against the Japanese and are still continuing their efforts in the field against the enemy. Reading yesterday's newspaper, we learned that some 400 soldiers under the control of General Ding Tieh-mei were frozen to death on the "Dah Ku" Mountain, while the people are enjoying their life in the amusement resorts. Such a state of affairs is to be condemned. We should really check the latter by force, but on the other hand we must consider the livelihood of the employees of theatres and cinemas, so therefore we request you to show yourself to be a true citizen by appropriating 20% of your proceeds through the sale of tickets for the support of the North Eastern Volunteer Army. In addition, please publish in the newspaper commencing from January 23 the organ to which you are contributing and the date of contribution, verified by any local patriotic body.

In view of your patriotism, we believe that you must accept our suggestion. Should you ignore it, we will mete out severe measures to you. Do not say that we failed to advise you beforehand.

"Spiritual National Defence Society".

The envelope, made of brown paper was addressed as follows:—

Sun Sun Dancing Hall,

L. O. S. A. L.

Handwritten notes:
SA, Please note and pass to the office.
JH
26:1:33

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The letter bears the Shanghai postmark and was posted on the 21-1-33 at the Great East Gate, Nantao.

Mr. Woo when questioned stated that this was the first letter of this description that he had received. Nobody had approached him and he could not offer any suggestion regarding the identity of the writers. Mr. Woo intimated that he intended to accede to the demand made that his company publish in a newspaper the organ to which they were contributing. He is doing this hoping that subsequent developments will reveal the identity of the writers.

The undersigned and G.D.3.149 in making preliminary investigation visited the following places and learned that they had all received identical letters in the last few days. These were not reported to the Station and the recipients did not intend to accede to the demands made:—

Peking Theatre, Kweichow Road.

Great Eastern Hotel Ball-Room, Kin Wo Ho, Hankow Road.

Palace Cinema, Fokhai Road.

Chekiang Cinema, Chekiang Road.

The letter is attached hereto.

Done for Officer i/c Special Branch.

S. S.

Office copy.

Copy for Special Branch

4/1/33.
25/1/33.

LOUISA
25th January, 33.

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LETTER RECEIVED BY CAPTAINED MAIL-ROOM
DURING HOLIDAY.

At 6.45 p.m. 25-1-33, Mr. Woo, Manager of the Greyhound Ball-Room (Sun Sun Co.), brought a letter to the Station which he stated was received by post at 8.30 a.m. 25-1-33.

A translation of this letter which is given below corresponds with that published in the Intelligence Report of 24-1-33 (Political):-

Management of various local theatres and cinemas:
Though the North East has been lost for over a year, the Government is still in a dilemma. Fortunately, Generals Mao Ping-wen and Wung Chuen-hai put up a desperate resistance against the Japanese and are still continuing their efforts in the field against the enemy. Reading yesterday's newspaper, we learned that some 400 soldiers under the control of General Tung T'ieh-mei were frozen to death on the "Jah Ku" Mountain, while the people are enjoying their life in the amusement resorts. Such a state of affairs is to be condemned. We should really attack the latter by force, but on the other hand we must consider the livelihood of the employees of theatres and cinemas, so therefore we request you to show yourself to be a true citizen by appropriating part of your proceeds through the sale of tickets for the support of the North Eastern Volunteer Army. In addition, please publish in the newspaper commencing from January 23 the organ to which you are contributing and the date of contribution, verified by any local patriotic body.

In view of your patriotism, we believe that you must accept our suggestion. Should you ignore it, we will take out severe measures to you. Do not say that we failed to advise you beforehand.

"Spiritual National Defense Society".

The envelope, with of these pages and attached

By the Station Staff,

25-1-33.

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The letter bears the Shanghai postmark and was posted on the 21-1-33 at the Great East Gate, Nantao.

Mr. Co. who questioned stated that this was the first letter of this description that he had received. Nobody had approached him and he could not offer any suggestion regarding the identity of the writers. Mr. Too intimated that he intended to accede to the demand made that his company publish in a newspaper the organ to which they were contributing. He is doing this hoping that subsequent developments will reveal the identity of the writers.

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Peking Theatre, Kwaichow Road.

Great Eastern Hotel Ball-room, Kiu To St.,
Banking Road.

Palace Cinema, Fuhai Road.

Corking Cinema, Chongking Road.

The letter is attached hereto.

W. H. C.
5-3-33

[Signature]

January 31, 4434

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by train 6 boxes of drugs and other medical supplies contributed by various local dispensaries and pharmacies (vide I.R. of 11/1/33) to Keping, for the use of the North Eastern Volunteer Armies.

Local Chinese Theatres receive threatening letters chopped "Spiritual National Defence Society"

Most of the Chinese owned theatres and cinemas in Shanghai recently received a letter purporting to emanate from the "Spiritual National Defence Society" of which the following is a translation:-

Management of various local theatres and cinemas:
Through the North East has been lost for over a year, the Government is still in a dilemma. Fortunately, Generals See Ting-wei and Yang Chuen-hai put up a desperate resistance against the Japanese and are still continuing their efforts in the field against the enemy. Reading yesterday's newspaper, we learned that some 400 soldiers under the control of General Ding Tih-shan were frozen to death on the "Dah Lu" Mountain, while the people are enjoying their life in the amusement resorts. Such a state of affairs is to be condemned. We should really check the latter by force, but on the other hand we must consider the livelihood of the employees of theatres and cinemas. We therefore request you to show yourself to be a true patriot by appropriating 5% of your proceeds through the sale of tickets for the support of the North Eastern Volunteer Armies. In addition, please publish in the newspaper commencing from January 15 the names of which you are contributing and the date of contribution, verified by my local police station.

In view of your patriotism, we believe that you must accept our suggestion. Should you ignore it, we will make our report known to you. We are sure that we failed to advise you adequately.

"Spiritual National Defence Society", Shanghai

Shanghai Municipal Council, Shanghai
The Municipal Council of Shanghai has received the letter from the "Spiritual National Defence Society" and has decided to advise the theatres and cinemas to accept the suggestion of the Society.

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. 8-REGIS 22-H,
File No. 4434
Hongkey Station,
24/1/33
Date January 23, 1933.

Subject (in full) Intimidation by Letter.

Made by D.S.I. Hill. Forwarded by C.D.I. Knight.

Sir,

I beg to report that at about 3.15 p.m. 23/1/33 Mr. J.R. Emamooden of the Film Distribution Department of the Peacock Motion Picture Company Inc., No. 21 Museum Road, owners of the Willies Theatre, Chapoo Road, came to the station and reported that at about 10 a.m. 23/1/33, an anonymous letter was received by the management of the Theatre per postal delivery. The translation of the letter is as follows:

Envelope:- Willis Theatre, No. 313 Chapoo Road, Local.

Letter:- To all managers of chinemas and theatres. Our North and East is lost to the Japanese for almost a year. Our Government does nothing in the matter. The only persons still fighting the Japanese are Soo Ping Wen and Fung Chin Hai, according to yesterday's papers 400 soldiers of General Tung Tih Mai died from cold in the mountains. Still the people of China are happy and dancing, which makes us very angry. We thought to stop it all by force, but that would cause dismissal of the employees, therefore, we ask your theatres to allot 20% of your receipts to help the soldiers in the East and North, which is the citizens' duty. From the 25th this should be started. The amount of the receipts must be stated in your daily advertisements, and the 20% thereof put in the bank in the name of..... If you do not do this, we will use strong actions to spoil your business.

Chopped: The Association of Sincerity for the Protection of the Country.

The letter was not hand written, but appeared to have been printed on a mimeograph set, no name of any particular theatre and cinema is mentioned in the letter which could be termed as a circular letter. the names Willis Theatre appears only on

Summary of
D.C. Crime
AC (24 Br)
Let me have
report please
in due course
(29th) K.M.B
24/1/33

Received
31-1-33
[Signature]

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Station,

Date 19

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the envelope which appear to be also mimeograph print. Special Branch Headquarters were informed but stated that there were no previous letters of this particular nature on file.

Chief Inspector O'Dwyer informed Mr. Emanooden that the Police would afford him with every protection should it be deemed necessary.

Willis Theatre is an American concern, now owned by the Peacock Motion Picture Company who took over the lease of the theatre from Messrs. Goulbourne & Co., a Portuguese concern, in February 1932.

Copy of letter attached to this report, and will be forwarded to Headquarters Special Branch for their information.

Yours obediently,

D.S.I.

Kinght con
S. D. 4/c.

D.D.O. "C" Div.

SI,

Passed by you in connection with the general inquiry regarding the parties collecting funds for the North Eastern Volunteer Corps which you have in hand at present. S.D.I. Prince may be able to help in ascertaining if other enemies have been approached.

14.1.33

Envelope:- Willis Theatre, No.313 Chapoo Road, Local.

Letter:- To all managers of Cinemas and Theatres:

Our North and East is lost to the Japanese for almost a year. Our Government does nothing in the matter. The only person still fighting the Japanese are Generals Soo Ping Wen and Fung Chin Hai, according to yesterday's papers 400 soldiers of General Tung Tih Mei died from cold in the mountains. Still the people of China are happy and dancing, which makes us very angry. We thought to stop it all by force, but that would cause dismissal of the employees, therefore, we ask your theatres to allot 20% of your receipts to help the soldiers in the East and North, which is the citizens' duty. From the 23rd. this should be started. The amount of the receipts must be stated in your daily advertisements, and the 20% thereof put in the bank in the name ofIf you do not do this, we will use strong actions to spoil your business.

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